

**2000 Presidential Election**

**Q.** Sir, do you think the Supreme Court will get involved in the Florida situation?

**The President.** I think the law on that is pretty clear, and there's no point on my commenting on that. I don't think I should comment about it.

**Q.** Thankful you're not in this election this year? Wish you were?

**The President.** I think that the less I say about this right now, the better. I just want everybody who tried to vote—legally voted—to have their votes count, including the service people—everybody. I think that's what they're trying to do, and I hope there will be time to do it. I think that the position that I've taken on this all along is, we ought to just do the right thing and enfranchise everybody that could possibly do it but let the thing play out. There's a process under way, and the courts will do what they're going to do. That's the way it ought to be. And I don't think I should comment.

I'll tell you, I am thankful that I live in a country with enough faith in its democracy that we're all letting this thing play out. Comedy shows are having fun with it. We're all laughing about it. The two candidates seem to be in a fairly good humor about it. When I was in Asia, I had a couple of people tell me that in some countries people would be in the streets over this. Instead, we trust our system. We just have to trust it, whether we agree with it or disagree with it. Let it play out. I just hope that we don't run out of time.

Thank you.

NOTE: The exchange began at 2:25 p.m. at Maple Run Golf Course. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

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**Digest of Other  
White House Announcements**


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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**November 18**

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled from Hanoi, Vietnam, to Tien Chau Village, Vietnam, and in the afternoon, they returned to Hanoi.

In the early evening, the President met with Le Kha Phieu, general secretary, Vietnamese Communist Party, in the Reception Room at Party Headquarters. Later, he met with President Tran Duc Luong of Vietnam in Room A at the Presidential Palace.

In the evening, the President participated in a repatriation ceremony on the tarmac at Noi Bai Airport for recovered remains of American soldiers. He then traveled to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mubashar A. Choudry and Allan M. Dabrow to the President's Commission on Drug-Free Communities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Larry L. (Butch) Brown, Sr., as a member of the Board of Governors of the United Service Organizations, Inc.

**November 19**

In the morning, the President participated in a roundtable discussion in the courtyard of the Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum on the next generation of leadership in Vietnam.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Aboard Air Force One on the tarmac, the President made a telephone call expressing condolences to Susan Ruff, wife of former White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff, who died earlier in the day. Later, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

**November 20**

In the morning, the President made a brief condolence visit to the Washington, DC, home of Charles F.C. Ruff.

**November 21**

The President announced his intention to reappoint Alan H. Schecter as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

**November 22**

In the afternoon, the President went to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to appoint Calvin V. French as a member of the Board of Governors for the United Service Organizations, Inc.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**


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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

**Released November 18**

Transcript of a press briefing by Ambassador Douglas (Pete) Peterson on the President's visit to Vietnam

Transcript of an interview of Daniel and David Evert, sons of Lt. Col. Lawrence G. Evert

Fact sheet: U.S. Humanitarian Demining in Vietnam

Citation of the Presidential Citizens Medal presented to Ambassador Peterson

**Released November 19**

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling on the President's visit to Vietnam

Fact sheet: President Clinton: New Opportunities for the United States and Vietnam Through Expanding Economic Ties, Trade, and Investment

**Released November 21**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Announcement: President Clinton Announces Winners of the 2000 Baldrige Award

**Released November 22**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President's selection of U.S. representatives to serve on the Digital Opportunity Taskforce

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**


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**Approved November 13**

H.R. 782 / Public Law 106-501  
Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000

H.R. 1444 / Public Law 106-502  
Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000

H.R. 1550 / Public Law 106-503  
To authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration, and for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes

H.R. 2462 / Public Law 106-504  
To amend the Organic Act of Guam, and for other purposes

H.R. 2498 / Public Law 106-505  
Public Health Improvement Act

H.R. 3388 / Public Law 106-506  
Lake Tahoe Restoration Act

H.R. 3621 / Public Law 106-507  
To provide for the posthumous promotion of William Clark of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, co-leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, to the grade of captain in the Regular Army